

SENATE RESOLUTION 120
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sam Wicker for his
exemplary volunteer work at the Douglas
Cooperative in Jefferson City, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud of our strong Volunteer State
heritage, a heritage that has prospered and grown continuously since the War of 1812, when
thousands of Tennesseans enlisted in the U. S. armed forces in response to Governor William
Blount's call for volunteers; and

WHEREAS, although he's only nine years old, Sam Wicker of Jefferson City already
understands the importance of volunteer work in his community; and

WHEREAS, Sam generously spends one afternoon a week reading to the good people
of Douglas Cooperative, an agency that provides job opportunities and living arrangements for
developmentally-disabled men and women; and

WHEREAS, he comes to the cooperative faithfully each Monday afternoon and spends a
few hours reading from newspapers and magazines of interest to his attentive listeners; and

WHEREAS, Vicky Gill, a family friend, who teaches communications classes at Oakland
Community Center, invited Sam to help her with her teaching duties at the Douglas Cooperative
and he readily accepted the challenge; and

WHEREAS, in praising Sam's efforts, Ms. Gill has said: "He's a good reader and I can't
tell you how much help he has been. I know he's made some friends here, too"; and

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WHEREAS, one such friend is Gene King, a Douglas Cooperative resident who looks forward to Sam's visits because they enable him to keep up with the local news; and

WHEREAS, the son of very proud parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ken Wicker, Sam is being home-schooled; and

WHEREAS, he has volunteered at Douglas Cooperative since January and plans to continue this exemplary service through the summer; and

WHEREAS, Sam Wicker should be commended for serving as an admirable role model for all Tennessee citizens regardless of their ages; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Sam Wicker and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That on behalf of the residents of Douglas Cooperative who have benefited from his volunteer work and his meritorious example, we express our deepest appreciation to Sam Wicker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.